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Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith we send you two copies of the first official letter referring to the above-identified application, to which answer is due

April 20, 1974.

This term may be extended once for one month.

Referring to the original US text the Examiner-in-chief points out the following:

1. The definition of claim 17 (main claim II) is understandable. In case it is not preferred to simply direct said claim to "A product obtained by the process according to claim I" the product must be defined by features recognizable on the product itself. We recommend to amend said claim II as indicated between asteriks.

2. The statements as contained in the first part of the second paragraph on page 8 must be brought into accordance with the definition given in claim I which is directed to heating and nothing else. Any other treating steps must thus be introduced in the description as optional embodiments by way of example.

Without other instructions from your side by March 31, 1974 we shall introduce the necessary amendments which will not affect the scope of patent protection, and refile the application.

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